

Schuylkill Arsenal, Building No. 8
(Powder Magazine)
2620 Gray's Ferry Avenue, at northwest
corner of Peltz Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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National Park Service
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Washington, D.C. 20240

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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| STATE | COUNTY | TOWN OR VICINITY |
| PENNSYLVANIA | PHILADELPHIA | PHILADELPHIA |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) | | HABS NO. |
| SCHUYLKILL ARSENAL, BUILDING No. 8 | | PA-1540 F |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE | | |
| Powder Magazine | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) | | |
| 2620 Gray's Ferry Ave., at NW cor. of Peltz St. | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) | |
| Ca. 1799- Lower portion | | |
| 1802- Upper portion | | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) | | |
| An early example of a military storage house. Demolished in 1962. | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) | | |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) | | |
| Lower portion: Coursed granite ashlar | | |
| Upper portion: Common bond brick | | |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) | | |
| Square layout measuring approx. 100' (six-bay front) X 100'; two stories high. | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE | | |
| Hipped roof with flat-roofed cupola; coursed granite pilasters on ground story; 10' wide moat. | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) | | |
| Brick groined-arch ceiling on stone posts (see HABS photo) | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) | | |
| Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976. Historic American Buildings Survey, Historian's Worksheet. | | |
| COMPILER, AFFILIATION | | DATE |
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